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New Delhi (Combined Dispatches)—Three retired Indian military officers were convicted yesterday of selling information about Soviet military equipment to the United States. Sources and local news reports said the information was sent to the

High Court Judge K.B. Jasbir Singh.

Andley said the three men arrested in November 1983 were guilty of a "conspiracy" ian arms deal that, involved, leaking top state accrets. They were sen years in lall. threed at 10 years each in An sir fe prison.

It was the first time since the spy case came to light in 1983 that a public announcement was made regarding which country was involved in the espionage.

Convicted were Army Maj. Gen. Frank Larkins, his elder brother, Air Vice Marshal Ken Larkins, and Lt. Col. Jasbir Singh.

A FOURTH suspect, civilian arms dealer Jaspal Singh Gill, was sentenced to two years in iail.

An sir farse officer reportedly tipped off the gov-

ernment after Ken Larkins asked him for classified manuals detailing Soviet Mig jets used in the Indian Air Force.

The three officers were arrested Nov. 10, 1983, several days before the government ordered U.S. diplomat Harry Weatherbee to leave the country within 24 hours.

Frank Larkins, 59, was reported to have confessed to the judge that he had worked for the CIA since 1972 and had brought his 50 year-old bother. Ken Larkins, into the spy ring after the latter's

retirement from the air force.

SOURCES close to the proceedings said the men were found guilty of delivering secret information to U.S. Embassy officials believed to be working for the CIA in New Delhi.

CIA in New Delhi.

The embassy has declined to comment on the case.

After sentencing, Frank Larkins said, "I feel a little weak in the knees."

"I think it is a crocked-up case against us, he one will be able to prove a thing,"
Ken Larkins said.